

Remarks/Arguments

A. Pending Claims

Claims 2039, 2041, 2042, 2044-2078, 2080, 2081, 2083-2116, and 5150-5159 are pending. Claims 2039, 2048, 2087, 2089, 2109, 5150, 5152, and 5155-5159 have been amended for clarification and/or correction of typographical errors.

B. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 5156 and 5157. Claims 5156 and 5157 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objections to claims 5156 and 5157.

C. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 2039, 2042, 2044-2078, 2080, 2081, 2083-2116, and 5150-5159 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims in copending Application Nos. 09/840,937; 09/841,170; 09/841,283; 09/841,285; 09/841,286; 09/841,291; 09/841,294; 09/841,297; 09/841,300; 09/841,306; 09/841,308; 09/841,429; 09/841,432; 09/841,434; 09/841,438; 09/841,439; 09/841,441; 09/841,443; 09/841,444; 09/841,445; 09/841,449; 09/841,488; 09/841,490; 09/841,495; 09/841,497; 09/841,500; 09/841,502; 09/841,638; and 09/841,639. Applicant does not believe that a terminal disclaimer is needed for the present application and the above noted applications. To expedite the case, however, a terminal disclaimer for the applications is provided as a separate document.

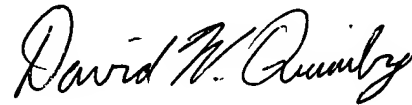
D. Additional Remarks

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration

is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the filing of this document. If any extension of time is needed, Applicant requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-05900/EBM.

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